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TO : [REDACTED]

DATE: 14 December 1950

FROM : [REDACTED] A

SUBJECT: Special Training

Reference is made to our recent conversation regarding training of B staff members in hypnotic methods as an essential background to future S. I. work.

In this connection, it may be recalled that [REDACTED] A
formerly of I & S, took a special short course in hypnosis from a so-called [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] attended from the end [REDACTED]

A special investigation was run on [REDACTED] prior to [REDACTED] A
taking the course, which disclosed that in many ways [REDACTED] an unsavory
character; however, judging solely upon results achieved in [REDACTED]
case, the course apparently is successfully taught.

In connection with the above, a parallel investigation turned up the
name of one [REDACTED] a professional hypnotist [REDACTED] who
bears an excellent reputation both professionally and ethically. However,
the investigative report did not disclose whether [REDACTED] taught hypnotism
or would teach hypnotism for a fee.

Since time is the essence in this operation, it is felt that (along
the lines of your original suggestion) two B staff members should be authorized
to secure from [REDACTED] his special short course [REDACTED]
starting as soon as possible [REDACTED] using what ever cover
is necessary.

It is suggested that if possible [REDACTED] be designated to take this course.

It is furthermore suggested that immediately upon completion of this
course, [REDACTED] recommendations to the Deputy Chief,
I & S, [REDACTED] of the B project, as to whether or not
in their opinion [REDACTED] course gives the required background for this work.

In the event of a favorable recommendation by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
as set out above, this project will immediately designate other staff members
for this special course. However, if the recommendation is unfavorable, it is
suggested that immediate steps be taken to ascertain if [REDACTED]
will teach hypnotism and under what circumstances this could be arranged.

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REMARKS:

1. Recommended [redacted] H. B. L. [redacted] course
2. Advise if this meets your thinking - lower must be established for each.
3. Get more data & initial C check on [redacted] - he sounds good - I'll [redacted]

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